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The Honorable Shirley Johnson, Chair
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Michigan State Senate
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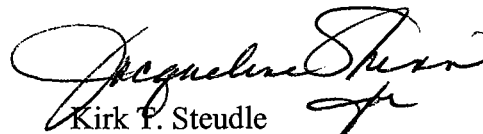
Dear Senator Johnson and Representative Taub:

In accordance with section 387 of 2005 PA 158, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to provide the following update regarding the I-96/M-59 interchange.

MDOT has no current plans to change the overall configuration of or add capacity to the I-96/M-59 interchange located in Howell Township, Michigan. However, in 2007, MDOT will begin construction on widening M-59 from east of I-96 to Michigan Avenue. This project will widen M-59 from a two-lane roadway to a four-lane boulevard. As part of this M-59 widening project, the department will be resurfacing the east and westbound I-96/M-59 on/off ramps. In addition, the westbound on/off ramp terminals will receive minor operational improvements. The M-59 widening project was made possible by the Governor's Jobs Today Initiative Program.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact me or Susan Mortel, Director, Bureau of Transportation Planning, at 517-373-0343.

Sincerely,


Kirk T. Steudle
Director

cc: Members of the Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation
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